

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1435
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2000
VISIT OF DELEGATION TO USA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a delegation visited USA to attend the UN Conference on Women Empowerment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main points discussed in the said conference; and
- (d) the views expressed by Indian delegates on the subject?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. An official India delegation was deputed to attend the twenty-third Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" which was held in New York from 5-9 June, 2000. A list of the delegation is attached (Annexure).

(c): An outcome document "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action" was adopted at the Special Session. It takes stock of the achievements and obstacles in the implementation of the twelve critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action (1995), the current challenges affecting the full implementation of the Platform for Action and makes recommendations on actions and initiatives to overcome obstacles and to achieve its full and accelerated implementation.

(d): In general terms, India reiterated its full commitment to the Beijing Platform for Action and was instrumental in the inclusion of some recommendations in the 'outcome document' in the areas of poverty and girl child, health issues, disabilities and terrorism as a serious obstacle in the advancement of women.

Annexure

(Referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1435 for 1.8.2000)

LIST OF GOI DELEGATION AT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON BEIJING +5 HELD IN NEW YORK FROM JUNE, 2000.

1. Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi,
Minister of Human Resource Development

(Leader of Delegation)

2. Shri D.K. Kotia,
Private Secretary to Minister of Human Resource
Development

3. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan,
Minister of State for Women and Child Development

4. Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi,
OSD to Minister of State for Women and Child
Development

5. Smt. Abha Mahto, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
6. Dr.(Smt.) Anita Arya, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
7. Smt. Bhavnaven Devrajbhai Chikhalia, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
8. Dr. Girija Vyas, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
9. Prof. (Smt.) Kailasho Devi, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
10. Smt. Krisna Bose, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
11. Smt. Margaret Alva, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
12. Dr. Rajeswaramma Vukkala, M.P. (Lok Sabha)
13. Prof. (Smt.) Bharati Ray, M.P. (Rajya Sabha)
14. Dr. (Smt.) Joyasree Goswami Mahanta, M.P. (Rajya Sabha)
15. Smt. Savita Sharda, M.P. (Rajya Sabha)
16. Smt. Vibha Parthasarathi,
Chairperson, National Commission for Women, New Delhi.
17. Smt. Mridula Sinha,
Chairperson, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi.
18. Prof. Medha Nanivadekar,
Coordinator, Centre for Women Studies,
Department of Political Science, Shivaji Vidyapeeth,
Kolhapur, Maharashtra (Non-official/NGO)
19. Smt. Veena Nayyar,
Women's Political Watch,
L-1/4, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-110016 (Non-official/NGO)
20. Km. Suchitra Mahapatra,
General Secretary, Anganwadi Karmachari Sangh,
N.A.C. Colony, Malisahi-2, Unit-III, Bhubaneshwar-751 001 (Non-official/NGO)
21. Smt. Sarojini G. Thakur,
Joint secretary (WD), Department of Women and Child Development, New Delhi
22. Smt. Rashmi Chowdhary,
Deputy Secretary (WD), Department of Women and Child development. New Delhi

23. Shri Kamalesh Sharma, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, New York.

24. Shri Satyabrata Pal, Deputy Permanent Representative, PMI, New York.

25. Shri Asith Kumar Bhattacharjee, Counsellor, PMI, New York.

26. Shri Narinder Singh, First Secretary (LA), PMI, New York.